converting reserved forest land for non-forest uses for the purpose of granting title deeds to those who have inhabited before the cut-off year ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not the resons therefor and the present position of the process of granting title deeds ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIA MENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARA-MANGALAM) : (a) Approval for diversion of forest land for regularisation of pre-1980 encroachments in Kerala has not been accorded by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Certain essential details sought from the State Government on 15-1-1922 are yet to be received.

Aluminium phosphide poisoning

3524. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a study conducted by the doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences showed that there were widespread aluminium phosphide poisoning cases in North India ;

(b) the number of aluminium phosphide poisoning cases in each State during the last three years and the extent of compensation paid to the victims • and

(c) what steps Government have taken to warn the peoplelto be aware of it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Ministry of Health & Family Welfare does not maintain such statistics. However, All India Insti tute of Medical Sciences has informed that 54 such cases were admitted in the Institute during 1988, 1989 and 1990. A statement *{see* below) showing the number of pesticide poisoning cases (State-wise) during the last three years, as received from the Ministry of Agriculture, is at the enclosed Annexure.

(c) The Government have taken several steps to educate people on the safe handling and usage of various pcsictides. These are :—

1. Training of people to create awareness about the hazardous effects of pesticides and precautions to be observed while handling and using pesticides through multi-educational media systems like T.V. Radio Literatures, Demonstrations, etc.

2. Detailed instructions about handling, usage and safety precautions are given on the labels and leaflets accompanying pesticides container.

3. These instructions also include information on symptoms of poisoning, first aid measures, treatment, etc. to be given in case of accidental poisoning.

Statement

Number of pesticides poisoning cases (State-wise) during the last 3 years

S.No.	Name of State/U.T.	1988—89	1989—90	1990—91
1	Andhra Pradesh	219	238	218
2	Arunachal Pradesh	—	Nil	—
3	Assam	—	Nil	—
4	Bihar	—	Nil	—
5	Goa	—	Nil	—
6	Gujarat	Nil	Nil	18
7	Haryana	6	6	189
8	Himachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil	Nil
9	Jammu & Kashmir	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	23
11	Kerala	344	1526	748
12	Madhya Pradesh	287	105	Not reported
13	Manipur	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Maharashtra	Not reported	655	734
15	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	Mizoram	Nil	Nil	Nil
17	Nagaland	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	Orissa	43	17	Nil
19	Punjab	973	149	Not reported
20	Rajasthan	Nil	Nil	284
21	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Not reported
22	Tamil Nadu	Nil	7	739
23	Tripura	Not reported	Nil	Not reported
24	Uttar Pradesh	292	301	33
25	West Bengal	Nil	Not reported	Not reported
26	Andaman & Nicobar	Not reported	Nil	Nil
27	Chandigarh	Nil	Not reported	Not reported
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil	Nil
29	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil
30	Delhi	Nil	Nil	Nil
31	Lakshdweep	Nil	Nil	Nil
32	Pondicherry	1343	1095	61

Remarks : The figures have been compiled based on the information furnished by the-State Authorities either at the Zonal Conferences or figures furnished to. Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agri. & Cooperation, Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage, Faridabad.